

The Director of Central Intelligence

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. Constantine Menges
Special Assistant to the President
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SUBJECT: Semantics and Structure of Disinformation

I have been thinking about addressing as a foreign intelligence subject how our adversaries succeed in using words, verbal formulations and concepts as a weapon to damage Western interests around the world. At this stage I am groping around for a way to get some concentrated brain power, high level policy attention and possible public attention paid to this subject -- perhaps a small analytical group, perhaps a conference, perhaps a research program.

To give you a broader picture of what I'm after I enclose a copy of a letter I received from [] on this subject in my search for ideas on how to approach it.

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I would like your ideas and would like to talk to you about this.



William J. Casey

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